

Minutes of The Heritage Committee Special Meeting
April 23, 2013 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present:

Jack Quinn, Arnie Magid, Roger Ives, Chet Kuras

Absent: W. Hansen, R. Wilcox (attending Conservation Commission meeting)

Vice Chairman Jack Quinn called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

He asked for Citizen Comment: None

Minutes – Mr. Magid moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 Special Meeting; Mr. Kuras seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Bridge Street Discussion – Mr. Kuras attended the Open House at Bridge Street School held this afternoon. There were fact charts, with costs estimates of various options for the School. Mr. McMahon, EDC Director was there. It was noted by the Committee, the many signs advertising the Public Forum and Open House sessions. Mr. Kuras noted that the School is really a large building. The Committee urged attendance of the Public Forum scheduled for May 14 at the High School.

Ffyer Place redevelopment – discussion - It was noted that perhaps we should request CVS if they are the buyer of the front property (Lauren's property), that they need to perhaps re-locate the Red Box video to some other place that would not affect traffic, and perhaps screen the Red Box. It was noted that Highland Market has their Red Box inside their store.

Open Space/Farmland Preservation program update - Mr. Hawkins did request funds, \$300,000, for this program, and as of now, the funds are in the budget.

Mr. Ray Wilcox is attending the Conservation Commission meeting at this time and will update HC at the May 21 meeting.

Zoning and Planning Commission – Mr. Kuras noted that the Commission did not meet this month. The Conservation Commission has a busy agenda with applications which will go back to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review.

Signage – The sign for the Olsen Farm is “in the works”. Mr. Hansen will install the sign.

It was noted that Mr. William Moncrief has resigned from the Committee; he is now a registered voter in Massachusetts. The Committee expresses the gratitude of the residents of Suffield and of The Heritage Committee to Mr. Moncrief for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary HC.Min.April.23.2013